

Board Members Present:

Planning Commission: Greg Heyer

Development Review Board: Jason Heyer, Michelle Dufresne, Nick Hibbard

Selectboard: Stephen Bessette, Stephen Cormier, Randy Devine

School Board: Scott Mitchell

Public Present: Amber Soter, ZA, Brad Docheff, Town Manager

7:05 PM – J. Heyer called the meeting to order.

The following boards are the only boards with a quorum present: Development Review Board and Selectboard.

Brad Docheff opened the meeting with a follow up from the December 4, 2018 joint meeting. He discussed community outreach and engagements. There has been progress towards increasing the way information is provided to residents. He has also started a monthly newsletter on the website. It was discussed that this could be printed and put around town to increase visibility. The Town has also created a new residents packet to welcome them and provide them with pertinent information. We need to brainstorm on best ways to expand communication and work together through avenues.

The current phase of the sidewalk project is officially complete. The Town has obtained equipment to maintain the sidewalk. The Town is working on putting together a sidewalk maintenance ordinance to ensure the expectations are clear of the Town and Residents.

Wastewater discussion; the Town has contracted with a water resource engineering firm to consult about capacity increase. The wastewater plant runs effectively, and the utility department feels that it has the potential to hold more capacity at its current state but the paperwork for our plant is based on numbers from the 1970's and are not accurately depicting the plant current day.

Water discussion; update on the well located at the Runamok property and working with the state to get that approved. Discussion on multiple wells and the pros and cons versus finding one excellent source.

Discussion on how to get support from residents outside the village for village center upgrades. Providing value to all residents within the village center. We would like to encourage all residents to support development and upgrades within the village center. For example, folks outside of the village to support utility infrastructure upgrades, while village residents support expansion of broadband to outlying residents.

There was a Community Center update; The goal right now is to have a clear plan in place for intention and uses while continuing to move towards occupancy.

School Update; The school currently has multiple deferred maintenance projects that need attention. The School Board is also working on a revised proposal for expansion and upgrades. They plan to have a tiered

ballot that gives choices to voters based on the project. The board wants to convey that any new facility would be much more accessible to the public because they will be secure from the school, therefore be able to be used on Sundays and evening hours. The school also wants to inform the public that the current cost of any approved renovation is a bond spread out over 30 years and is not fully the responsibility of the tax payers. The Town funds less than half of the schools budget with property taxes. The remaining is state funded and allocated throughout all the districts. So the amount per year is significantly less than what it appears when you look at the total price tag.

The next joint meeting is not scheduled but hopefully will be mid-August or September.

9:10 PM – M. Dufresne moved to adjourn; **J. Heyer** second. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Soter, Fairfax Zoning Administrator

Signed: _____ Date: _____
For the Selectboard

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These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next regularly-scheduled meeting. All motions were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.